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2017 NASA Armstrong Amateur Radio Club T-Hunt

- John Dyer, KM6DXY



The NASA Armstrong Amateur Radio Club sponsored their annual Spring Transmitter hunt last month. The event was held at Apollo Park, adjacent to Fox Field, in Lancaster. Members of our club were invited to attend and compete in the event and compete they did. Members from our club included Phil and Sylvia Dolber; John Dyer; Dan Mason, his wife Valerie and their daughter Gabriella. Last, but not least,

Andy Gutierrez and his wife also competed in the event. As competitors prepared their equipment; Phil Dolber assisted everyone with their setup and explained how the event would be run. Kevin Reilly and Sylvia Dolber took care of the BBQ and organized the potluck items.

Shortly after lunch, all the rules were reviewed one last time and the competitors were sent on their way. Their goal was simple or so it seemed. They were to find three (3) hidden transmitters using their directional radio receivers. The team to find all three in the least amount of time would win.

The transmitter hunt (or "Fox" hunt) took 2-3 hours to complete. In search of their quarry, competitors explored just about every corner in the park. Other visitors watched in wonder and some took an interest in our activity and asked questions about the equipment and how it worked.

Our very own Dan Mason and his daughter Gabriella walked away with the honors and won the event. Congratulations to both Dan and Gabriella for a job well done.



For more photos from the event, please visit our Facebook page via the following link: [2017 NA6SA Spring Transmitter Hunt](#)

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Get Involved: Amateur Radio Emergency Service

~ John Dyer, KM6DXY



Last month we talked about the Amateur Radio Emergency Service or ARES. We will continue to provide information regarding participation in this special group and assisting First Responders and local government(s) when disaster strikes. During the last club meeting, it was decided to form a committee to assist members of the club who are interested in this program. More information will follow as the committee puts the program together.

To reiterate information passed along last month, please use the following resources to find out more about ARES and its operations in the Kern County area. You can begin your search at: <http://www.arrl.org/ares>. Additional resources include Western Kern County ARES at <http://westernkerncountyares.org/> and, of course, members of our club.

Members of the local ARES group check into "the Net" every Sunday night at 7:00pm local time. The Net can be heard on the local repeater listed below.

BVS Repeater:	146.700-	123.0 Hz Tone	W6SLZ	Open Machine
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You will hear "Net Control" announce the net at 7:00pm SHARP and then work through the "Roll Call" of current ARES members. Net Control will also check for late member "Check-ins", "Guests" and, finally, any "Echo-Link" check-ins. The whole process only takes about 15-20 minutes.

High Desert Trails Rally (Part 1)

~ John Dyer, KM6DXY



Ham radio operators throughout the United States, if not the world, are often asked to assist with communications for various events. Recently I talked about the work that hams performed during the Baker2Vegas relay race. On May 6th members of our club participated as volunteers in the High Desert Trails Rally held in the mountains North of Tehachapi. Dick Brown (W6SLZ) was the Team Captain for

the "Radio Operators" covering the Jawbone Stage of the race. The job of the team, simply put, was to report to the "Comm's Captain" (W6SLZ) as competitors passed by their checkpoints. All vehicles were also logged by the team members along with the time the rally vehicles passed through. This was important because if a competitor failed to pass a check point, the Comm's Captain would poll the radio operators to help determine which point on the course the vehicle might have broken down or crashed. The Comm's Captain would then contact Race Net. Race Net would then determine the course of action required to maintain safety for the competitors.

Assisting in the event makes for a long day. The team from TARA gathered at McDonald's in Tehachapi at about 5:00am. After a brief breakfast they headed off to the Jawbone Canyon Ranger station before heading off to their assigned stations along Jawbone Canyon Road. This is normally a public road, however, for this one day event they close down public access to the road from 8:00am until the completion of the race. (To Be Continued next month).

A Sense of Humor

- John Dyer, KM6DXY



Feel free to submit your jokes too! This month's selection is courtesy of Laura Sherrod (KI6EOG) in Honor of Mother's Day.

MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT:

1. **RELIGION:** "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
2. **TIME TRAVEL:** "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
3. **LOGIC:** "Because I said so, that's why."
4. **MORE LOGIC:** "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
5. **IRONY:** "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
6. **THE SCIENCE OF OSMOSIS:** "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
7. **CONTORTIONISM:** "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
8. **STAMINA:** "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
9. **WEATHER:** "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
10. **HYPOCRISY:** "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
11. **THE CIRCLE OF LIFE:** "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
12. **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:** "Stop acting like your father!"
13. **ANTICIPATION:** "Just wait until we get home."
14. **ESP:** "Put your seater on. Don't you think I know when you are cold!"
15. **HUMOR:** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
16. **GENETICS:** "You're just like your father."
17. **MY ROOTS:** "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a born?"
18. **JUSTICE:** "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you." To



ARRL CALENDAR of EVENTS

~ John Dyer, KM6DXY



This page will be devoted to providing our members with events sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). We will review the calendar on their website monthly and update the list below. You may also find information on their website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>.

May 2017

Nothing Scheduled

June 2017

10-12 **June VHF**
18 **Kids Day**
24-25 **Field Day (#ARRLFD)**

July 2017

Nothing Scheduled

TARA CALENDAR of EVENTS

~ John Dyer, KM6DXY



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May 2017

4 Club Board Meeting
6 **High Desert Trails Rally**
11 **Club Meeting**

June 2017

1 Club Board Meeting
8 **Club Meeting**
23-25 **Field Day (#ARRLFD)**
Setup begins on the 23rd. Contest is 24th & 25th
For more information and to volunteer contact Phil Dolber,
(W6WBT)

July 2017

4 Happy Birthday America!
6 Club Board Meeting
10-14 Tehachapi Day (Twilight) Camp (Cub Scouts) - Pending
13 **Club Meeting**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- John Dyer, KM6DXY



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LOCAL REPEATER INFORMATION

TARA APRS Digipeater	144.390	No Tone	KA6PTJ-3	APRS
BVS APRS Digipeater:	144.390	No Tone	WA6LDQ-3	APRS
BVS Repeater:	146.700-	123.0 Hz Tone	W6SLZ	Open Machine
BVS Repeater:	440.625	100.0 Hz Tone	W6SLZ	Open Machine
Tehachapi Repeater:	442.925+	131.8 Hz Tone	KI6HHU	Open Machine
Tehachapi Repeater:	444.225+	100.0 Hz Tone	KG6KKV	Overlooks Bakersfield
Tehachapi Simplex:	145.48	No Tone		Local Simplex
Tehachapi Simplex:	146.54	No Tone		Local Simplex

ATTENTION:

For those interested in monitoring dispatch for the Bear Valley Springs Police Department

- All dispatch for BVSPD will be handled by the Kern County Sheriff's Department
 - KCSO Eastern Dispatch: 460.225
 - KCSO East TAC: 460.125

CLUB & Other WEBSITES

TARA <http://tehachapiareahams.yolasite.com>

TARA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TARAtehachapiamateurradio/>

AVARC <http://www.avarc.av.org>

BVSERT <http://bvsemergencyradioteam.shutterfly.com>

KCCVARC <http://w6lie.org>

ARRL: <http://ARRL.org>

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TARA Meeting and Club Membership Information

The Tehachapi Amateur Radio Association meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM (except for July - no meeting). Our meetings are held at the Mountain Aire Estates Activities Center, 600 South Dennison Road in Tehachapi, Ca. Drive in the entrance and the Activities Center is straight ahead.

T.A.R.A. Member Annual Dues: \$25.00/year
Additional Family Member: \$12.50/per person

Club address: T.A.R.A., PO Box 1681, Tehachapi, CA 93581-1681

Membership Application

On the last page of this newsletter will be a copy of our current Membership Application. Applications can and will be accepted at all club meetings. If you prefer, you may mail your application along with the applicable dues to the club Post Office Box as follows:

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A Note from the Editor

If you have any questions, corrections, ideas, suggestions for content or even an article to share please send them to my attention. (See Side Bar for Information) Keep in mind that I am not only an Amateur Radio Operator; I am an amateur newsletter editor. 73's Everyone.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YEAR

Date of Application / /

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25.00 / Year <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$12.50 / Add'l Family Member / Year

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Call Sign	License Classification / License Held		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Technician	<input type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra

First Name	Last Name

Street Address	Apt. / Unit

City	State	Zip Code

Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
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E-Mail Address

Background
Have you ever been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor, felony, etc.)? If so, please provide details below:
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Details: _____

Other Memberships
<input type="checkbox"/> ARRL <input type="checkbox"/> ARES <input type="checkbox"/> RACES <input type="checkbox"/> CERT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____

Family Members in Household <i>(Fill out only if completing a Family Membership)</i>			
Call Sign	Class (T/G/E)	First & Last Name	Age

Amount Paid	Cash / Check	Date	Approval

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____